Family (History) Movie Night!

Hands-On History Activity

Parents – need some down time for your kids while you work from home? Want something educational yet fun for your children to watch?

Here are some movie suggestions from the Living History and Heritage Staff for your history-loving families, all available through online streaming services! Make some popcorn and enjoy!

Mr. Peabody and Sherman (PG)

Have kids choose three people, events or places that are mentioned in the film and learn more about each one. We use the internet and books from the library to research fun facts about the things they've chosen. Create a decorative poster to exhibit your research!

This is America, Charlie Brown (NR)

In most of these episodes, something new has been created -- the pilgrims had to start from scratch in a new world, the Wright Brothers were the first to fly, etc. Challenge your kids to come up with an invention -- what would they create to make life easier, better or just more fun!

The Scrambled States of America (NR)

Play United States Bingo! Print out a blank map of the United States and research some clues about each of the 50 states. Use M&M's or Cheerios for markers! Research clues about each state and give clues to the players. Players will try and find out which state you are thinking of. The first to get 10 correct states wins!

Night at the Museum (PG)

Have your children create their own museums all about them based on objects they have at home and craft supplies!

The Who Was? Show (NR)

There are SO many famous people introduced during these shows that a great hands-on activity is to have the kids create a timeline, listing each of the characters at their appropriate point in time!

Kit Kitteredge: An American Girl (G)

Have students put together a class newspaper. Students can contribute a short article about the Great Depression. Encourage basic research in the library. Some students could also contribute illustrations, depicting the hardships of the time.















